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CAPE EASTERN AREA

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Colin and Pam Stretton**
who celebrated their 44th Wedding Anniversary
on 31 August 2001

COTSWOLD SCOUT TROOP

Congratulations to **Gareth Whittal** and **Craig Wilson**
for passing part one of their Board Exams - they are now
one huge step closer towards achieving their Chartered
Accountant qualification

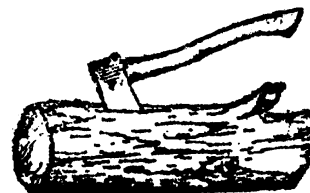
Nicholas Berry for passing his final subject at
Technikon; Jared Prowse who was elected to represent
EP in the u/14 Hockey Team

Nicholas Damm (an ex-Cotswold Scout) who was
chosen as the Captain of the Junior Springbok Roller
Hockey Team. Well done to them all.

FIVE CAPE EASTERN SCOUTERS ATTEND TRAINING TECHNIQUES COURSE

Five Cape Eastern Scouters, namely Letitia Tshetu, William Stama, Pamphilia Ndema, Monica Ntshingwa and Elaine Cadger, travelled to Kwazulu-Natal to attend a Training Techniques Course over the weekend of 9th to 12th August.

The course was held at the
Durban B.P. Camp,
Morningside, and the
Course Director was Rob
Robbilliard, National Adult
Leader Trainer.



TRAINING TECHNIQUES COURSE PARTICIPANTS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11 September	District Scouters' Council, St Columba's, PE	20 October	PE Cub JOTA
15 September	Committee Members Seminar, PE	03-04 November	Area AGM
20 September	East London See-O-Nee	11 November	Cub Cricket Challenge, PE
22 - 24 September	McClelland Scout Camping Competition, PE.	17 November	Canoe Race, for Scouts, PE
29 September	KTV Day	30 November	Cub Carol Service, PE
09 October	Troop Scouters' Council	10-19 December	SANJAMB 2001, Vaal Dam, Gauteng
13 October	Skilkana, for Scouts and Cubs, Uitenhage	2002	
18 October	PE See-O-Nee	02-12 January	7th Gilcoast PLTU, Gilwood, EL
20-21 October	JOTA	25-28 April	POW WOW, Cape Eastern
		28 Dec-07 Jan 2003	20th World Jamboree, Thailand

BADEN-POWELL'S GRAVE IS DECLARED A PROTECTED MONUMENT

The Government of Kenya has Gazetted the Grave of the late Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, and the Paxtu building (where BP spent his last days) within the Outspan Hotel in Nyeri, Kenya, as monuments. The Minister for Home Affairs, Heritage and Sports in Kenya, Mr Noah Katana Ngala, through a Kenya Gazette notice of March 2001 says the "...buildings, sites and graves are of national cultural interest and should be preserved for posterity".

At the same time, the Nyeri Local Association, which is part of the Kenya Scout Association, has initiated a project to rehabilitate the cemetery. The project, which has been called "The Baden-Powell Memorial Project", will go beyond the tombstone of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, to rehabilitate the other tombstones in the cemetery, rehabilitate the park adjacent to the cemetery, put up an information centre and erect a monumental gate to the park.

Through the project, the Local Association intends to raise the profile of Scouting in the area, and to attract Scouts from other parts of the world to visit the last home of the Founder, as part of the build up activities to the Scout Centenary celebrations in 2007. They are inviting the Scouting fraternity to join them in this endeavour.

By the Government of Kenya

KGOTLA

With acknowledgements to Algoa Anchor News

PATROL LEADERS CONFERENCE IN MAFIKENG

The Mafikeng SCENE (Scout Centre for Excellence in Nature and Environment) was a fantastic venue for the Scout Youth Conference held in July this year. (Except for the freezing cold).

The conference was held for and by people, between ages 15 and 25, active in the Scouting Movement. The idea was for the provinces in South Africa to come together with new ideas / problems which we could brainstorm to achieve possible solutions. These will then be forwarded to the South African Scout Association.

Apart from all the 'work', there was also 'play' time. Fun activities were part of our daily programmes. We learnt a Global Resources Game, which is relevant to our generation's future, and those to come. We took a guided tour through nature and learnt to see through animals' eyes – this was very scary. There was also a chance to use the Internet and write e-mails.

The conference was a great success (which made the 15 hour journey worthwhile), especially since we made many new friends and had great experiences together. Like when we went on a tour through the Game Park next to the Scene, and everybody ended up pushing our minibus through the park at sunset, which was very beautiful for those of us who took the time to take in the scenery.

This conference will be held regularly in the future. We hope SASA will implement positive changes.

SWAN

OUR MAFIKENG EXPERIENCE

We left for King Williamstown on the 30th June, where we stayed overnight at Mrs Smith's friend's house. The East London troop were going to pick us up the following morning at 7am. That morning when we stepped out of the house we were greeted by icy cold air and frost on the grass.

We finally left and got on our way to Mafikeng at 8:15am and after getting lost, using five tanks of petrol, we eventually arrived at approximately 10pm in the freezing cold Mafikeng. There we were greeted by a fire and familiar faces from the Western Cape.

We had an exciting time on the game drive, seeing the many different type of animals, the magnificent sunset and a close up view of 4 rhinos together. To get on with the African style we had a great time playing on some African drums. There were many activities planned each day, like working on the Internet, which was a new and great experience for some. We also learnt how to solar cook, wire a circuit and appreciate the beauties of nature. To keep our brains working, we played a Global Resources Game in which we had, in our groups, to govern a country while trying to reduce pollution – a lot of fun!

In the afternoons we all got together to discuss problems in Scouting and the things that we wanted to change and introduce. Some of the things we talked about were girls in scouting, communication in and between troops, changes in the uniform, and lots more.

The weather was surprisingly warm at midday, but towards evening the layers of clothing started to go on (sometimes 5 layers). The one night, we could not wait for the campfire. It was quite different and unusual for us and we learnt lots of new songs.

Sadly, the last day arrived and we had to say goodbye to the many new friends, and the fantastic leaders who kept us going during the unforgettable Scene Kgotla conference. We had a wonderful time, a great experience and hope to go again next year. Thank You.

Sarah Lower and Shelly-Anne Wakeford

REQUEST FROM SCOUTING NEDERLAND

On behalf of the North-South team of Scouting Nederland I would like to address you with the following question. As part of the partnership activities with the SASA and the GGASA, Scouting Nederland is currently working on an activity book with games and activities dealing with, and coming from, South Africa.

Many groups in the Netherlands like to include 'South Africa' in their activities but are dealing with the question "How?"

To provide Dutch scouts with ready to use activities, the North-South team started working on a book. It will be divided in 5 chapters, dealing with different themes:

- ☞ Games about South Africa (nature, culture, history)
- ☞ Games from South Africa
- ☞ Games dealing with multi-culturality, etc
- ☞ Recipes
- ☞ Songs and dances from the south

I would like to ask you if you can help us by providing games and activities for this book. We are planning on having the book ready in the second half of September. If you can help us it will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks so far and greetings also from Janneke, Bas, Anja and Gert-Jan.

Yours in Scouting and Guiding

Fedde Boersma - Team North-South, Scouting Nederland

DOES YOUR SCOUT GROUP PUBLISH A NEWSLETTER / MAGAZINE?

There are a number of Groups who publish their own newsletter / magazine, be it monthly or quarterly. An ideal publication should:

- ☞ be a pleasure to read
- ☞ have good information access, such as editor's and Scouters' names and telephone numbers, and dates of forthcoming events
- ☞ be clearly printed and contain some pictures or photographs
- ☞ have general involvement, with articles by Cubs, Scouts, Patrol Leaders and committee members

All newsletters submitted to Outtray are most welcome and newsworthy items will be published in Outtray.

Graaff Reinet's "**Greinetter**", Cotswold's "**Kudu Horn**", Algoa's "**Algoa Anchor News**" and Humewood's "**Lighthouse**" are all regular publications and we now welcome "**West End Echo**" that has been revived by Scout Leader Danny Barth.

With acknowledgements to West End Echo:

It is some three years since the last issue of the West End Echo made its appearance. The main reason for this is that it is extremely difficult for any one person to be newsgatherer, reporter, editor, printer and publisher. I hope that in attempting to resuscitate our newsletter, others more talented than I will take on the responsibility for its quarterly publication. A newsletter serves many purposes. Chiefly it serves to inform those who have an interest in our Scout Group. I have been particularly motivated to start again by the many activities and achievements involving our members in the last few months. Secondly, because a newsletter forms part of the Star Troop Award Scheme.

Danny Barth

HUMEWOOD SEA SCOUTS CANOE RACE

17 NOVEMBER 2001

The idea of this fun race is to get as many craft on the water as possible. If you have a canoe or paddleski for each member of your Troop or Crew, enter them all! If not, a relay section will be added which will enable your members to share boats. Two-man canoes will also be able to enter the race. Categories (depending on entries) will be organised as follows:

Class 1: Racing kayaks and wave-skis

Class 2: "Scout" canoes and similar designs

Class 3: Canadian/Indian canoes (two-man teams)

Class 4: Paddleskis

Class 5: Relay teams

If you would like to enter, or if you require more info, please contact Richard Tel 3643936 or 0829685734

OUTTRAY ON THE INTERNET

You can now download a copy of the Outtray over the Internet. Current and past issues are now available at:

<http://come.to/mlitho>

You will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader - this can be downloaded over the Internet as well, just follow the links.

CUBS TAKE ON TOUGHEES NATIONAL CHALLENGE 2001

The South African Scout Association Toughes National Cub Challenge this year focuses on "Our Heritage" and having accepted the challenge with gusto, some Packs have "made the news".



PENGUINS A-GO-GO ... The 20 members of the 1st Sunridge Girl Cubs pack officially adopted an African penguin named Norbert at Bayworld on Friday as part of their annual Toughes challenge. Cubs leader Jenni Bubb (left) also presented Bayworld's Robin Greyling with a blender to assist in the feeding of the oceanarium's residents. Cubs Roxann Carr (left) and Michelle de Lange had their hands full with a few hand-reared penguins in an enclosure. The girls will look after Norbert for a year.
Picture: SAM MAJELA

1ST SUNRIDGE GIRL CUBS "PENGUINS A-GO-GO"

With acknowledgements to Eastern Province Herald



MEMBERS of the First Newton Park Scout and Cub groups have pooled resources and energy to help the Animal Welfare Society. Among the animals for which they have collected mounds of food, are the two horses Starlight and Braveheart which were rescued from the Baviaans Kloof in February this year, and are now recovering from a ghastly ordeal. In the picture BRAVEHEART and his carer, VINCENT MXABA (back right) meet (from the left) STEVEN OVENS, GRANT SCHIPPER and STUART HUNTER.

1ST NEWTON PARK RESCUE HORSES

With acknowledgements to Algoa Sun

The Algoa Sea Scout Cubs opted to "Save the Penguins" for their Toughes Cub Challenge and following a visit to Bayworld on 1st June wrote the following reports which we print with acknowledgements to **Algoa Anchor News**:

Today I met Valora who helps with the penguin rehabilitation centre. She has been working there for 10 months. She personally cares for penguins and gants. The most rewarding part of her job is letting them go. The most interesting thing that has happened is twinsey getting born. The most amising thing that happened was getting

bitten by a penguin. The most teribal thing is seeing the penguins couved with oil.

Jonathan van Staden, sixer Red Six

I met with a person who works with the marine ammal rescus (whals, seal and doven) and she likes working with anamel. And she like to care for doven, seal, and whales. She liked the birth of a new doven. We looked at the tertel what was eating squid and fish eggs and fish and we watched a movie on penguins.

Ashton, Tawny Six

CUB FIRST AID COMPETITION

A good, successful morning was enjoyed by all when Cubs from the Port Elizabeth area competed in the annual First

Aid competition that was held at the 1st Cotswold Hall on Saturday 25 August. Akela Leslie Pike ran a tuck shop, stocked with plenty of tasty home-made goodies, in aid of POW WOW funds. Cubs have voracious appetites, so hopefully the funds have swelled!

Five teams entered, namely 1st Lorraine, 1st Cotswold, St. Croix Girl Cubs, 1st Newton Park and a combined Boy/Girl Cub team from Algoa. They were tested on minor burns, thorns, splinters and bee stings; artificial respiration and recovery position; healthy eating and emergency kits, plus more. Well done to 1st Lorraine who came up trumps as the winners.

Besides the eight regular First Aid bases run by Scouters, there was a fun base provided by Hilary O'Driscol of St. Johns Ambulance. Here the Cubs were taught how to utilise everyday items such as pantihose, black refuse bags and shopping bags for making dressings and splints.

Thanks to Hilary for giving of her time in running a most informative fun station and to the Scouters who did duty. Also, a big thank you to Leslie for the tuck shop and her efforts towards POW WOW funds.

LION CAMP

3-5 August 2001

The insect world decided it was time to hold an indaba and pool resources and knowledge to let the young Cub-Goggas learn from the older insects in the animal kingdom. Lizards, spiders, locusts, scorpions and caterpillars, from the Cotswold, Westend, Algoa, St Croix areas started arriving and a whole team of insects were waiting for them, to teach and show them lots of new things. The combined knowledge of Dragonflies and Mosquitoes, Cockroaches and Crickets, the energy of Wasps, Bees and Termites, the ideas of Weevils and Leeches, and the questionable and weird but most probably interesting input from Sludgeworm, assured the cub-goggas a not-to-miss, once-in-a-lifetime experience at Loerie Educational Centre!

It was a time of discovery and observation, and for the Cub Gogga's a whole new world of things to see and learn : how to recognize trails and tracks, how to make clean drinking water, how to find your way in the veld, and lots more. Although it was raining almost the whole weekend, this couldn't keep the spirits down and every possible moment the sun showed up, everybody was outside for games, walks and trails, and singing happy birthday to the trees! The Cub Gogga's took the first steps towards taking care of themselves and learned different ways to cook their own food. It's of course totally different if Mommy Gogga's make food and calls you when it's ready on the table ! The Cub Gogga's endured the test and after a very late supper, we had a very late and informal campfire. Although the Cub Gogga's were very geared up for the singing, we came to the sad realization that they are definitely NOT the Drakensberg Boys Choir! A quick walk in the moonlight, and the slippery mud, as Dragonfly was able to demonstrate so graciously, and then all into the Cocoon for a nice and cosy night !

*ENJOYING THEIR FIRST CUB CAMP.
LOCUST SIX: Tara Hanvey, Candice
Oosthuizen, Tami Hughes, Christine
Williams, Samantha Blazey.*



*CREEPY CRAWLY CHOIR
SERENADING THE SHEEP
AT LOERIE.*

On the last morning the Cub Gogga's held their own little indaba's in their bivy's, to prepare for Cub's own. And by then it was time to do and learn the last few things that would help the Cub Gogga's on their path ahead. Mommy and Daddy Gogga's started to arrive and took part in the Cub's Own. The last cleaning up and packing, and with a smile of the sun, all Cub Gogga's went home, tired but so much wiser!

Thank you to Keith, Veronica, and Stefaan from Algoa, Nancy, Wayne and Preston from Westend, Belinda from Sunridge, Bev and Gillian from St Coix, and Leslie from Cotswold, for making this a fun and interesting Lion Camp.

Lisbet Demeyer

SOUTH EASTERN REGION PLTC COURSE

A PLTC course was conducted at the Ncapayi JSS in Butterworth from the 3rd to 5th August. Forty two Patrol Leaders from the following Troops participated:

Gwadana, Enoch Mamba, Sakhubuzwe, Macibe, 1st Msobomvu, Bottoman, Teko Springs, Nzima, Mtunzi.



*SOUTH EASTERN REGION PLTC COURSE
Participants*

The PL's were accompanied by their Scouters who in turn, acted as Tutors. The Tutors also assisted with bases like Pioneering and Compass. The Course Director was Nonkuthalo "Skutha" Mndai and was assisted by Matthew Reve.

The Programme consisted of Pioneering, Compass, Backwoods Cooking, Leadership Skills, Programme Planning.

A number of pioneer projects were done and the Patrol Leaders did very well. A badge for this PLTC was designed and each participant received one. This proved to be a very successful event.

Matthew Reve

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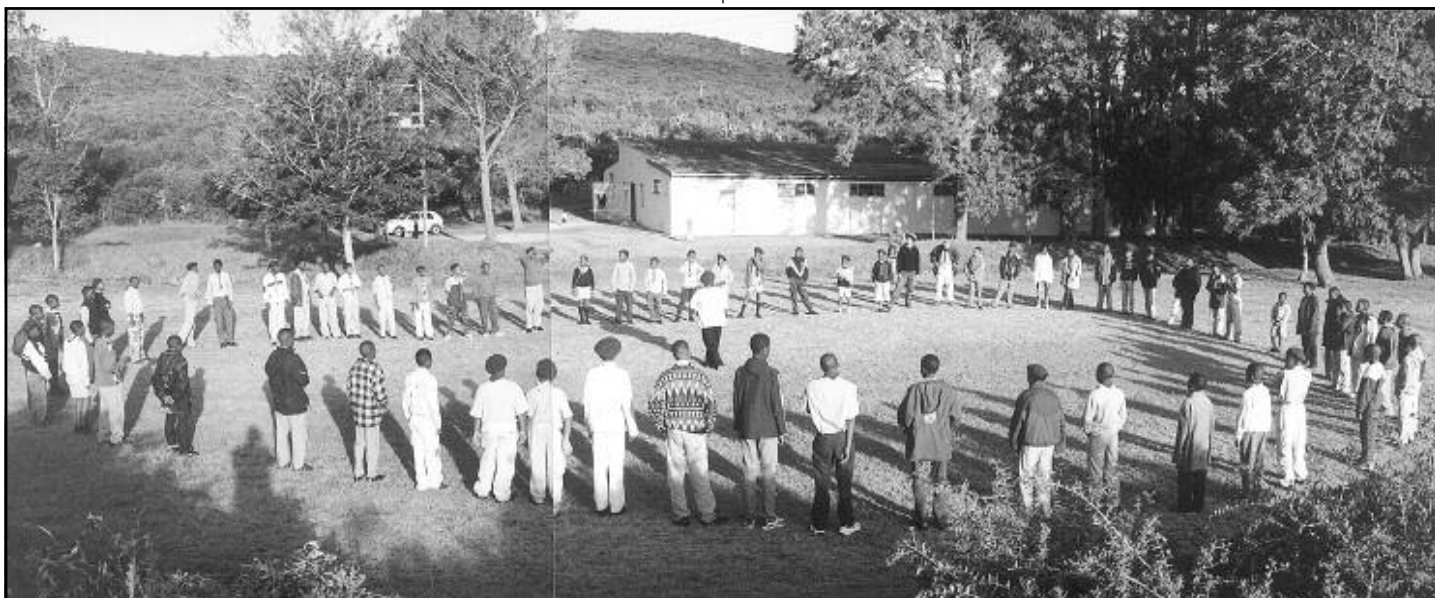
A total of seventeen Cubs were invested at the Reve Pack under the leadership of Pack Scouter Nolitha Ndiki. Scouters from other Packs were invited to witness this important event. A wonderful day was had by all.

Matthew Reve

JOINT SCOUT CAMP

From the 10th to 12th August a joint camp was held for Scouts, Scouters and Committee members from St. Stephens, New Generation and Khanyiso, in Ibhayi, Motherwell and Kwanobuhle respectively, and a number of Groups from the Langa District in Cape Western Area. This camp consisted of 112 people in total and was held at Helderbron Camp Site near Springs.

The various segments held meetings and activities with their counterparts and a lot of ideas were exchanged during this fun-filled weekend. The Scouts did a number of bases and played a number of strenuous games on the



large open field. The hall was large enough to house everybody with sufficient bunk beds for the adults. The weather was not what we would have liked but then again, anyone can camp in good weather but it takes Scouts to make the best of inclement weather conditions.

Many new friends were made and a good time was had by all.

Ernie Pike



The march-past and group photograph of the whole assembly at St Stephens Church before setting off for The Springs and the highlight of the week-end, the massed camp.

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ARBOUR WEEK 1 - 7 September 2001

Teach your cubs and scouts how to make compost and they will know how to grow anything for the rest of their lives.

MAKING COMPOST

MARK OFF AREA ON GROUND, NOT LESS THAN 1.5m X 3m.

POLE ABOUT 8cm DIAM.

SHOULDER HEIGHT

REMOVE POLE WHEN HEAP IS COMPLETE.

PLACE UPRIGHT POLE IN GROUND, AT CENTRE. STREW BRUSHWOOD, ROCKS, OR OLD TIN CANS ON GROUND, TO PROVIDE AERATION FOR COMPOST HEAP, FROM UNDERNEATH.

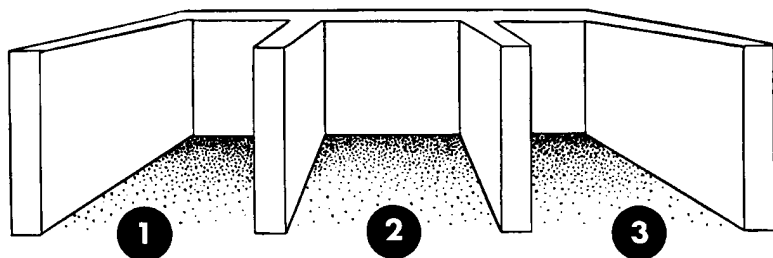
ON BASE, BUILD UP HEAP 1 WITH LAYERS OF VEGETABLE WASTE, SOME 30cm THICK... AND INTERSPERSE WITH MANURE LAYERS, 3 TO 4cm THICK. WET THE HEAP AS YOU BUILD IT UP.

AFTER 3 MONTHS TURN HEAP 1 OVER, ON TO A NEW AREA, TO MAKE IT INTO HEAP 2.

AFTER ANOTHER 2 MONTHS, TURN HEAP 2 OVER ON TO A NEW AREA, AND BUILD UP HEAP 3.

IMPORTANT: PLACE THE MATERIAL FROM THE OUTSIDE OF HEAP 1 ON THE INSIDE OF HEAP 2. WET SLIGHTLY, AS YOU BUILD. (AND START TO BUILD A NEW HEAP ON THE HEAP 1 AREA!).

HEAP 3 IS MATURE COMPOST THAT IS READY FOR USE. THIS 3-HEAP SYSTEM ENABLES YOU TO HAVE COMPOST MATURING, AT DIFFERENT STAGES, ALL THE YEAR ROUND.



EVEN BETTER COMPOST CAN BE MADE IN LARGE, PERMANENT "BOXES" BUILT OF STONE, BRICK, OR CORRUGATED IRON. BECAUSE THE HEAPS ARE ENCLOSED AT THE BACK AND SIDES, THE HEAT IS INTENSIFIED AND THE MATERIAL BREAKS DOWN FASTER, MORE EFFICIENTLY.

TYPICAL COMPOST MATERIALS

VEGETABLE & FRUIT PEELS, TOPS • TEA-LEAVES • FOOD SCRAPINGS • VASE FLOWERS • WEEDS • GRASS MOWINGS • EGGSHELLS • LEAVES • SAWDUST • NEWSPAPER • FEATHERS • HAIR CLIPPINGS • POULTRY LITTER, ETC.

USE MANURE FROM COWS, GOATS, HORSES, SHEEP, PIGS, POULTRY, RABBITS, ETC., (BUT NOT CATS AND DOGS!).

AVOID PLASTICS (INCLUDING PLASTIC "PAPER" BAGS) • FOIL • COAL ASH • FAT • GREASE • CHEMICALS • DETERGENTS • FIBROUS MATERIALS, PRUNINGS THAT WON'T ROT RAPIDLY, ETC.

VIC CLAPHAM